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Flooding Damages

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Report Highlights:

Flooding in Jamaica results in over JM\$500 million damage to agriculture.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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The Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) stressed that the JM\$500 million damage to agriculture from the recent flood rains could rise significantly. Damage to crops is estimated at JM\$352 million and livestock JM\$83 million. More than 13,000 farmers have been affected, with Clarendon farmers being the hardest hit. Below is a summary of the estimated damages in the southern parishes:

Parish	Crop Damage (J\$-million)	Livestock Damage (J\$-million)
Clarendon	180	61
St. Elizabeth	49	11
St. Catherine	25	3

In addition to domestic food crops and poultry, fish and pig farmers were also badly affected.

Damage to bananas in St. Mary, Clarendon and Thomas and sugar cane in Clarendon and St. Catherine is likely to reduce the relative proportion of the other parishes contribution to total loss.